

**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

1. A method for transferring content from one computer resource to another computer resource, comprising the steps of:
  - 5 receiving from a user a first insertion point or replacement area from a first user interface to a destination computer resource, said insertion point or replacement area being user-selected;
  - providing a source user interface to a user-selected source computer resource upon user command;
  - 10 receiving a user selection of content to be transferred from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area;
  - automatically copying said selected content to a transfer buffer;
  - capturing and recording one or more source reference data items corresponding to said selected content; and
  - 15 automatically generating a reference note containing said recorded source reference data items.
2. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a source identifier selected from the group of a file name, a path name, a folder name, a server name, a Uniform Resource Locator, and a network address.

3. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a system time, a system date, or both a system time and date.
  
- 5 4. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing an author identifier for said source information.
  
5. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a user identifier.
  
- 10 6. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a publication date for said source information.
  
- 15 7. The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of generating a reference note comprises generating a note selected from the group of a footnote, an end note, a source citation, a bibliography entry and a table of reference entry.

8. A computer readable medium encoded with software for transferring content from one computer resource to another computer resource, said software performing the steps of:
  - 5 receiving from a user a first insertion point or replacement area from a first user interface to a destination computer resource, said insertion point or replacement area being user-selected;
  - providing a source user interface to a user-selected source computer resource upon user command;
- 10 receiving a user selection of content to be transferred from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area;
- automatically copying said selected content to a transfer buffer;
- capturing and recording one or more source reference data items corresponding to said selected content; and
- 15 automatically generating a reference note containing said recorded source reference data items.

  

9. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said software for recording one or more source reference data items comprises software for capturing a source identifier selected from the group of a file name, a path name, a folder name, a server name, a Uniform Resource Locator, and a network address.

10. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said software for recording one or more source reference data items comprises software for capturing a system time, a system date, or both a system time and date.

5      11. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said software for recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing an author identifier for said source information.

10      12. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said software for recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a user identifier.

15      13. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said software for recording one or more source reference data items comprises capturing a publication date for said source information.

20      14. The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 8 wherein said software for generating a reference note comprises software for generating a note selected from the group of a footnote, an end note, a source citation, a bibliography entry and a table of reference entry.

15. A system for transferring content from one computer resource to another computer resource, said system comprising:

a user a first insertion point or replacement area designation received from a first user interface to a destination computer resource;

a source user interface for a user to manipulate a source computer resource;

5 an amount of information content item selected by said user to be transferred from said source user interface to said first insertion point or replacement area;

an automatic information content copier configured to copy said selected content to a transfer buffer;

10 a source reference data item recorder recording configured to capture one or more source reference data items corresponding to said selected content upon operation of said content copier; and

a reference note generator configured to generate human-readable reference notes containing said recorded source reference data items.

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16. The system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said reference data item recorder is configured to capture a source identifier selected from the group of a file name, a path name, a folder name, a server name, a Uniform Resource Locator, and a network address.

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17. The system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said is further configured to capture a system time, a system date, or both a system time and date.

18. The system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said reference data item recorder is further configured to capture an author identifier for said source information.
- 5    19. The system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said reference data item recorder is further configured to capture a user identifier.
20. The system as set forth in Claim 15 wherein said is further configured to capture a publication date for said source information.
- 10    21. The system as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said reference note generator is further configured to generate a reference note selected from the group of a footnote, an end note, a source citation, a bibliography entry and a table of reference entry.